THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) Sometime in February last, the Government received representations alleging that the fishermen in Singaravelnagar in Ponneri taluk had left the village and taken refuge in Andhra State due to harassment by Police. On enquiry it was found that the allegations were baseless.

Sheep breeding farms

*1660-A *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா —

மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டு திட்டத்தில் ஆடுகள் வளர்ப்புப் பண்ணை எங்கெங்கே ஏற்படுத்தப்படும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Provision has been made for starting 12 sheep and wool extension centres and one sheep farm in the plan. The exact location of the extension centres has not yet been settled. The new sheep farm will be located in the existing Ramanathapuram District Livestock Farm at Chettinad.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the sheep in these farms are reared for mutton or wool?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : We have farms which produce both varieties of sheep.

Warehouse for Nagercoil

*1660-B *Q.*—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) Whether there is any proposal to construct a warehouse in Nagercoil;

(b) the estimated cost; and

(c) the nature of the facilities to be provided in the warehouse?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The estimated cost is Rs. 3 lakhs.

(c) The growers and merchants will be provided with facilities to keep their produce in the warehouse on payment of fees at the scheduled rates. The depositors could raise loans from the State Bank of India or other banks including Co-operative Banks and marketing societies on the pledge of warehouse receipts. If warehouse receipt is pledged, the State Bank of India advance loans to the growers up to Rs. 5,000 without delay eschewing the formalities to establish the credit-worthiness of the party. The warehouse will keep a good stock of gunnies for hire to the growers and preserve the produce deposited therein without deterioration by periodical dusting and fumigation.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know when exactly the warehouses will be constructed? May I know at what time, whether during the course of this year they would be constructed?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Madras State Warehousing Corporation started functioning in 1958. In the Second Plan, it opened 15 temporary warehouses as per programme. In the Third Plan period it is proposed to open 20 temporary warehouses. By the end of the Third Plan it has to account for storage accommodation for 49,500 tons by construction of godowns at 27 centres.

Cashew cultivation

*1660-D *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வண்டலூரில் முந்திரி பயிரிடுதல் பற்றி ஆராய்ச்சி நடத்த ஒரு ஆராய்ச்சி கேந்திரம் நிறுவியுள்ளது உண்மையா ?

(இ) அப்படியானல் அதன் விவரம் என்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The Government sanctioned in March 1961, the establishment of a cashew research centre at Vandalur. The research centre is located at Vandalur over an area of about ten acres. The staff of one ranger, one forester, one lower division clerk, one peon and one mali has been sanctioned for carrying out the research work during 1961–62. It will start functioning shortly.

Death of a Policeman—Compensation to family

* 1660-E *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state whether the Government have awarded any compensation to the family of constable Subramani Pillai who was killed in a lorry accident near Nagercoil on 1st February 1961?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The correct name of the Police constable is Ramasubramanya Pillai. He was killed in a lorry accident on 23rd January 1961. No compensation as such is payable by Government in that case. His family is eligible for family pension and death-*cum*-retirement gratuity under the Madras Liberalized Pension Rules, 1960, and action has accordingly been taken to sanction the same.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Since the constable died in harness will the Government reconsider the matter and give some adequate compensation to the family of the deceased?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : All that is done under the existing rules.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : May I know the circumstances under which the constable met with his death?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : On 23rd January 1961 at 6 a.m. one Natarajan, son of Sivanandam Pillai was driving a lorry from Nagercoil towards Thuckalay along Nagercoil-Trivandrum Road. The lorry was loaded with 213 bags of groundnuts,